

**Homily Outline for the Mass for the Diocesan Curia in honor of the  
100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Translation of the See from Alton to Springfield  
Saint Viator Chapel  
Catholic Pastoral Center  
Springfield, Illinois**

**Mass for Thursday of the 29<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time (Y1)  
October 26, 2023**

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- I. “I have come to set the earth on fire” (Lk 12:49).
- II. St. Augustine: “People who believe in Jesus are enkindled.”
- III. In the Eucharist the surging fire of divine love is transmitted to the faithful, who then extend that love to others.
  - A. In recent months there have been many wildfires across North America.
  - B. As we celebrate our Diocese Eucharistic Congress this Saturday, I thank you for all your hard work on this, and I pray that through this gathering we may enkindle a surging of divine love that spreads like wildfire throughout our diocese.

May God give us this grace. Amen.